GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL
Singh Shri Sitaram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for the membership of the Road Safety Council alongwith the number of members in it at present;

(b) whether the Government lays emphasis on road safety in all its projects; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) National Road Safety Council is constituted in exercise of powers conferred under Section 215 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Besides Minister, Shipping, Road Transport & Highwasys as Chairman and Minister of State, Shipping, Road Transport and Highways as Vice-Chairman, there are 81 official members and 25 non-official co-opted members. Transport Ministers and Director General /Inspector General of police of States/Union Territories, representatives of various Central Ministries/Department i.e. Home Affairs, Human Resource Development, Railways, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Heavy Industry, Environment & Forests and Planning Commission etc. are official members. The Non- Official Co-opted members are selected taking into account various factors including their interest and awareness in road safety matters.

(b) & (c) Road Safety features are an integral part of road engineering projects both at design and construction stages. Apart from this, some of the other important steps taken by the Government to check the road accidents are as under:

(1) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(3) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(4) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(5) Organizing All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(6) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(7) Widening and improvements of National Highways etc.